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Temple Beth El Service Schedule

Services

Monday Morning	9:00 A.M.
Thursday Morning	9:00 A.M.
Friday Shabbat Evening	5:30 P.M.

Services and Kiddush Hosted by the Temple Beth El Sisterhood

Saturday Shabbat Morning	9:30 A.M.
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Dear Friends,

To help make a minyan. Please join us.

Temple Beth El Office Hours

Monday - Thursday: 9 A.M. - 3 P.M.

CANDLE LIGHTING – 5780

February 7 th	5:03 P.M.
February 14 th	5:12 P.M.
February 21 st	5:22 P.M.
February 28 th	5:31 P.M.

Please notify Temple of any **ADDRESS CHANGES** you have for the **winter or summer months**, we need these address changes if we are to continue sending the bulletin – Thank You.



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Temple Beth El Cantor Message

I was listening to the TED Radio Hour on NPR, and heard a statement regarding the nature of time. The speaker posited that, just as the ocean exists, and the sand on the sea exists but the line between them is an illusion, so the past is real, and the future is real, but the present is just an illusion.

I had to think on this for a while, because it had seemed to me that just the opposite was true: the past exists in our memory and the future in our imagination, but the present moment is the only thing we truly have.

Then I remembered what I had always considered a quirk of Hebrew grammar: there are past and future conjugations for the word 'to be,' but no true present form. And lest you bring up God's statement to Moses at the burning bush (Exodus 3:14): "I am that I am," I must point out that this is a poor translation. The Hebrew, *Eh'yeh asher Eh'yeh* properly means "I will be that which I will be." In fact, the only instance of the use of a present tense for that verb I could think of is in the fourth line of *Adon Olam*.

Let me be clear: there certainly is a present tense in Hebrew. Those who speak or write the language use it frequently. It's just 'be' that is lacking. I consulted two different Hebrew-English/English-Hebrew dictionaries, and the Hebrew word offered for 'be' in both was *hayah*, which is the past form of the verb.

We all know that we travel through time from the past towards the future. Except in science fiction, we cannot go back. Albert Einstein's model of a relativistic universe resulted in space-time; a fusion of the two. It seems odd, then that we can travel in any direction in space, but only one direction in time.

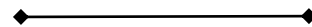
One of the attributes of God is that He is outside of time. Thus, the passage of time is a human phenomenon, not a divine one.

Why does this matter? It might help us address the question of free will and God's omniscience. How can God know what is going to happen if we truly have free will?

Perhaps an answer is that to God time is meaningless. God transcends time and space so that the distinctions of past, present and future, foundational to the human experience, are irrelevant. It might be likened to the difference between listening to a favorite album of music on vinyl or on digital media. On vinyl, the songs are in a set order which cannot be changed. In digital media, the listener is free to set the order of the songs as her or his whim dictates; all are equally accessible.

God's omniscience and our free will are not incompatible, as some argue. Making them so, however, requires thinking that is outside of much more than just the box.

Cantor Socolof



Temple Beth El Simcha Boards

Temple Beth El has Simcha Boards to celebrate birthdays, Bat and Bar Mitzvahs, anniversaries, graduations, weddings and honors.

If there is someone in your family or a friend you would like to recognize, you can do so by sending all the necessary details to the office. For \$125.00 you can make someone proud and happy forever.

Temple Beth El Memorial Boards

The long hallway where Temple Beth El's sanctuary and office are located contains our Memorial Boards. If you have a family member that you would like to memorialize, and have a memorial light lit on the week of their *yahrzeit* year after year you may call the office. The cost of the plaque is \$300.00.

For any questions or additional information to honor or memorialize a loved one call the office at 724 4751.

Temple Beth El President's Message

Shalom,

Mazel Tov to Sophia Samoshuk and her family on becoming a Bat Mitzvah! Congratulations on doing a wonderful service both Friday and Saturday! Your studies and work with Cantor Socolof made you shine. It was a beautiful celebration.

Speaking for the members of Temple Beth El, the Samoshuk, Suvurov and Karyagin families have brought new life to our congregation. You fill the chapel on Shabbat morning with prayer and song. It is a wonderful sound to hear.

Four different congregations attended the "Jews In Film" presentation by Lois Silverman. The event was sponsored by Temple Emanu El's Education Committee and was very well attended. Lois shared her expertise with knowledge and humor. It is always a pleasure to see the community come together.

We will celebrate Purim on March 9th starting at 6:00pm with a supper and special event. The Megillah reading will follow. Please look for the flier in this issue of the Temple Times, get your costume ready and be sure to make your reservation. I hope to see you there!

Stay warm and healthy,
Marsha

**You may drop your
Blue Box
off at the
JCC or Temple.**

Thank you, Marsha

Temple Beth El Executive Director's Message



Hello,

We will observe Tu B'Shevat on Monday February 10th, the 15th of Shevat, also known as the New Year of the Trees.

Israel observes Tu B'Shevat with a beautiful ancient custom. On this holiday a tree is planted for each child born during the year – a cedar for a boy, a cypress for a girl. When the tree matures and the child marries, branches from their tree are used for their chuppah. Trees in our tradition are closely associated with birth and marriage. Our Torah is called "itz Chayem", a Tree of Life.

To observe this holiday enjoy fruits and nuts, or other Israeli products, you can also make a donation or purchase a tree from JNF (the Jewish National Fund).

It has been a time of many emotions. May our good memories help us to smile and may our year be healthy and productive.

Shalom, Mundy

HELP US LOCATE FAMILIES

If you know anyone who has family buried in any of our cemeteries that have family members who have gravestones in disrepair please ask them to contact us or simply send us their address and we will contact them. This way when they come to visit their loved ones they will be greeted with a clean well maintained monument.

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Cemetery News

We were all saddened with the loss of a great leader in our community. Yes I'm talking about Michael Silverman. Michael was a guiding force among others in the Temple Beth El and Cemetery Corporations. His leadership skills "DOTTING I's and CROSSING T's" and the love of doing the job that satisfied him from the top of his head to the tip of his toes.

Michael was my cousin and a very good friend, I/we will miss you Michael.

The Cemetery Committee is happy to announce the appointment of Shelly Bartnick to our list of Trustees. We look forward to working with Shelly and his sense of humor.

All things will continue as usual. If you have questions about the Cemeteries please feel free to contact any of the Trustees.

Mark Smith

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Stanley Shapiro

Stephen Rosenfeld

Ernie Berkowitz

Shelly Bartnick

Spring is coming

We will continue with our head and footstone cleaning program.

Rates are:

- Headstones - \$50.00
- Footstones - \$35.00

Please call the Temple office with your requirements and send in your prepayment.

We will begin taking requests in the spring so mark your calendar.



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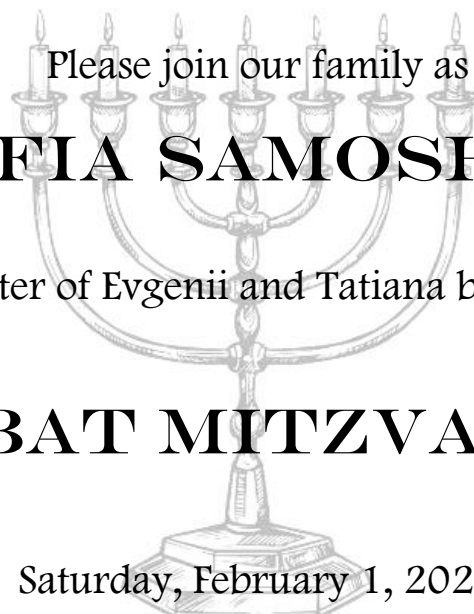


Please join our family as
SOFIA SAMOSHUK

Daughter of Evgenii and Tatiana becomes a

BAT MITZVAH

Saturday, February 1, 2020



January 31st
Friday Night
Service
5:30 P.M.
Oneg Shabbat
Hosted by friends



February 1st
Saturday Morning
Service
9:30 A.M.
Kiddush Luncheon
hosted by
Samoshuk family

A student at Clinton Middle School Sofia plays saxophone. She is a recipient of “excellent” rating at the NYSSMA (New York State School Music Association) Festival.

She and her team have won first place at the Olympics of Visual Arts in Saratoga Springs.

Sofia and her family are looking forward to sharing her special day with the community.

Temple Beth El Purim



*Esther said "and
make it a day of
feasting and
gladness"*



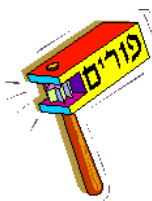
*Temple Beth El invites you to join us for a Purim
"FEAST OF ESTHER"*

*March 9th, 2020 - - - at 6 PM - - - at the Temple
followed by the Reading of the Megillah.*

MENU

*Kosher Hot Dogs
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Temple Beth El February Yahrzeits

The following Yahrzeit will be observed during the week of February 8 to 14, 2020 13 to 19 Shevat 5780

These names will be read from the pulpit on Friday February 7, 2020

Elizabeth Bartnick*	Rabbi Abraham Isaac Kirschstein*	Louis G. Payne	Harry Shapiro
Carol Brown*	Robert Kowalsky*	Max Philipson*	Gertrude Frankel Stahl*
Frances Winnick Cohen*	Florence Kurtzman*	Dr. Judith A. Resnik*	Solomon Simon*
Dora M. Freedman*	Abraham Levine*	Hymen P. Snyder*	Dr. Alfred Sumberg
Bessie N. Freeman*	Aaron David Levy*	Mollie Sherman*	Sarah Gossis Tapper*
Harvey Fink*	Rae LaVine*	Solomon Stayman*	Samuel L. Wolfe*
Hiram Goldenson*	Bessie G. Manning*	Samuel L. Simon*	Abraham H. Wyner*
Anna Goldman*	Daniel Meyers	Lillian Sugarman*	Edward I. Weiss*
Dr. Edmund Goldstone	Israel Perlman*	Helen Simons*	

The following Yahrzeit will be observed during the week of February 15 to 21, 2020 20 to 26 Shevat 5780

These names will be read from the pulpit on Friday February 14, 2020

Julia Simon Aronson*	Sari Emas*	Rita H. Osber*	Nathan Samuels*
Dr. Harold B. Arlen*	Joseph Y. Freeman*	Victor Pressler*	Ann Perlman Seldin*
Bea Abrams*	Joseph Glick*	Morris Pollack*	Lena Schmuckler*
Harold Alpert	Mechel Gilbert*	Bertha Birdye Rizika*	Ida R. Seld*
Abraham Block*	Ida Goldstein*	Nathan Rebeck	Abraham Schechter
Hyman Brooks*	Emma W. Kowalsky*	Florence Sarah Rabinowitz	Mose P. Silverstein*
Benjamin Brown*	Ruth Ben Kroll*	Ruth S. Rosenblum*	Theodore Stone*
Dorothy Berkowitz	Maxine R. Kall*	Belle Rosky*	Minnie I. Smith*
Tema Cramer*	Milton P. Kayle*	Benjamin Simon*	Dr. Gerald Segal*
Sarah Cohen*	Saul Shepard Lasher*	Max Stone*	Sora Blume Wineburgh*
Jack Daniels*	Charles Manning*	Ryfka Schechter	James L. Wolfe*
William Edelstein*	Carrie Nedell*	Jacob Moses Smith*	

The following Yahrzeit will be observed during the week of February 22 to 28, 2020 27 Shevat to 3 Adar 5780

These names will be read from the pulpit on Friday February 21, 2020

Richard Edward Arlen*	Gabriel Harris*	Hyman Mittleman*	Col. Ilan Ramon*
Cantor Martin Badanoff*	Jennie Horowitz*	Julius Manning*	Vilmos Reisner*
Herman Berger*	Anna Hymes*	Annette G. Mansky*	Rubie H. Root*
Morris Bonnett*	Idelle Herman*	Albert Merman*	Jennie E. Rosen*
Fannie Burger*	Nathan Jacobson*	Morris Marks*	Rebecca Rothenberg*
Morey Cummins	Dr. Sol E. Kantor*	Dorothy Nathan*	Edward Silverman*
Ann Fosberg Demell*	Reuben Kaplan*	Elwood Nedell*	Bernard and Brother Sahl*
Anna Fink*	Anita Krohn*	Sydney Oberman*	Esther P. Shattan*
Rabbi Joseph Gerstein*	Minnie Krohn*	Simon D. Parker*	Harry Weiss*
Natalie Gerstein*	Nathan Lewis	Bertha Rabinowitz*	

The following Yahrzeit will be observed during the week of February 29 to March 7, 2020 4 to 11 Adar 5780

These names will be read from the pulpit on Friday February 28, 2020

Sarah Adler*	Elaine Brown Gould*	Samuel J. Lindey*	Miriam Simmons*
Leonard A. Bartnick*	Eva Goldberg*	Emanuel LaVine*	Irving Jacob Schultz
David Ben*	Rose Greenburg*	Benjamin Levinthal*	Tessa Simon*
Bessie Berkowitz*	Martha R. Galinn*	Joseph H. Mettelman*	Marion Saltzburg*
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Ludwig Eisen*	Fannie Kowalsky*	Sarah Schneider*	Gertrude M. Williams*
Natalie Fuhrman*	Florence Levinson*	Martha M. Sevilla*	Isaac Ihno Weinberg*
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Sarah Ferrucci*			Samuel Weinburgh*

Temple Beth El March Simcha Grams



MARCH BIRTHDAYS	Date	MARCH ANNIVERSARIES	Date
Melissa Kowalsky	3/2	Roz and Harry Fisher	3/9/61
Margo Zeidner	3/8	Dianne and Murray Kirshtein	3/9/58
Jane Brophy	3/10	Donna and Marc Jonas	3/9/72
Paul Franklin	3/11		
Diane Kall	3/17		
Gary Philipson	3/24		
David Orkin	3/17		
Donna Jonas	3/19		
Caroline Lampert	3/19		
Alex Rosenblum	3/20		
Kristina Berg	3/23		
Holly Nathan	3/25		

Enclosed is \$1.50 per name that I have indicated. I have enclosed a check made out to the Sisterhood of Temple Beth El for \$_____ for _____ (#) of Simcha Grams

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**Rae Rosenfeld
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If you are interested, please contact either Mundy Shapiro (Temple Beth El) 724-4751 or Rita Davan (Temple Emanu-El) 724-4177.

FEBRUARY 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 Sofia-Maria Samoshuk becomes a Bat Mitzvah 10:00 AM
2 GROUNDHOG DAY!	3 TBE Minyan 9:00	4	5	6 TBE Minyan 9:00 TBE Religious School 4:00 PM	7 TBE Service 5:30	8 TBE Service 9:30 AM
9	10 Tu B'Shevat TBE Minyan 9:00 	11	12	13 TBE Minyan 9:00 TBE Religious School 4:00 PM	14 TBE Service 5:30	15 TBE Service 9:30 AM
16 	17 PRESIDENTS DAY! TBE Minyan 9:00	18	19	20 TBE Minyan 9:00	21 TBE Service 5:30 TE Service 6:00	22 TBE Service 9:30 AM
23	24 TBE Minyan 9:00	25 	26	27 TBE Minyan 9:00 TBE Religious School 4:00 PM	28 TBE Service 5:30	29 TBE Service 9:30 AM

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